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- On 8 February 1949, it was reported to the Vreemdelingen en Inlichtings Dienst that Mario Beschen, the Italian proprietor of Chez Mario, possessed a bundle of English pound notes which he kept in his own room inside his restaurant. It was also reported that HAN Sien Kin, managing director of the Mascotte Trading Company, kept pounds and dollars in his house at Lembangweg No. 16, Batavia-C. Other names quoted included Assomull, managing director of Wassiamull Assomull & Company, Pasarbaru 44, Batavia-C; B. Melwani, Gang Dumas, behind Pasarbaru; Indar Singh, owner of Aga Sports, Pasarbaru No. 2; B. Harumall, Gang Dumas; Ujagir Singh, Gang Klintji; and a number of restaurants at Tandjungpriok.
- C. A. Goldberg, of the Mascotte Trading Company, is reportedly financing Indonesians and Europeans suspected of being Communist ringleaders. Australian pounds were found in his possession. Clarence H. Campbell* also pays his men in Australian currency, according to assistants of the Indonesian Communist Mohammed Yamin. Most of the confiscated notes were Dutch, of denominations from f 1.00 to f 100.00. Thus far, the police have confiscated approximately U. S. \$225.00
- A secret conference was held in police headquarters on 10 February 1949. Attending the conference were: 1st Class Police Commissioner Hartman, who is to become head of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) on 1 March 1949; 1st Class Police Commissioner J. van der Valk, present head of the CID; and the section heads of Tandjungpriok harbor, Glodok, Pasarbaru, Tanahabang, Kramat and Senen, or sections one through four and six respectively.
- The conference was convened to discuss steps to be taken against the Indian, Chinese, Dutch, Indonesian and Italian black marketeers in various sections of Batavia. A decision was made to raid Pasarbaru, Pantjoran, Toka Tiga, Pintu-Ketjil, Tandjungpriok, Tanahabang and Senen on 11 February 1949, at 8 a.m.
- Armed police raided Toko Bombay (Bombay Shop) and several Chinese stores in Pasarbaru, arrested the roaming brokers behind Toko Populair, and made arrests in Pantjoran, Toko Tiga, and Pintu-Ketjil. Italians at Citadelweg, and Indonesians and Chinese in Tandjungpriok were also arrested.

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6. United States, Straits, Hong Kong and Chinese dollars, English and Australian pounds, Indian rupees, pesos and Dutch (Netherlands) guilders were seized. Several gold bars, and approximately one ton of Netherlands East Indies silver and copper coins, travellers' cheques, and black exchange bills payable to bearers abroad were also seized.
7. The Indian Consul General has protested the raid made on the Bombay Store. No reply has been received from the Dutch authorities. Forty-five money exchangers were questioned, but none was arrested. The central black market, managed by Assumuli, at Javaweg No. 99, Batavia-C, was not disturbed.
8. On or about 20 February 1949, the Criminal Investigation Division reported the prosecution of the following persons for possessing foreign banknotes:

G. Lengyen

Suspect for dissemination of Communist propaganda, and for gathering information for the Soviet Union

LEE Chung

Chinese antique dealer on Rijswijkstraat

T. V. Nanykram

Sindhi-Indian black market exchange broker on Laan de Riemer.

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Comment. The Australian, Clarence H. Campbell, is suspected of being a Communist. [REDACTED], September 1948, reported that Campbell had been empowered by the Republic to act as its Trade Commissioner in Australia. [REDACTED], November 1948, reported that Campbell was Amir Sjarifudin's political adviser, and that they communicated through secret correspondence.

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